

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A growth medium including:

(a) fine grade coir, and

(b) coir having a particle size of at least 3mm, wherein the fine grade coir is 40% or less of the total amount of coir in the medium, and wherein the amount of coir having a particle size of at least 3mm is 60% or more of the total amount of coir in the medium.

2.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3 and 6~~ claim 1 wherein the fine grade coir is 5% to 20% of the total amount of coir in the medium.

8.-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to claim ~~7~~ 1 wherein the amount of coir having a particle size of at least 3mm is 80% to 95% of the total amount of coir in the medium.

17.-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 19~~ claim 1 wherein the coir having a particle size of at least 3mm is a mixture of 3-6mm coir and chip and fibre coir.

21. (Original) A growth medium according to claim 20 wherein the amount of 3-6 mm coir is 10% to 50% of the total amount of coir in the medium.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Original) A growth medium according to claim 20 wherein the amount of 3-

6 mm coir is 15% to 45% of the total amount of coir in the medium.

24.-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to claim 20 ~~or 21~~ wherein the amount of Chip and fibre coir is 10% to 89% of the total amount of coir in the medium.

29.-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to claim 20 ~~or 25~~ wherein the amount of Chip and fibre coir is from 20% to 69% of the total amount of coir in the medium.

33.-34. (Canceled)

35. (Original) A growth medium according to claim 1 wherein the coir in the medium is made up of (a) 1 % to 25% fine grade coir, and (b) 75% to 99% coir having a particle size of at least 3mm.

36. (Original) A growth medium according to claim 35 wherein the coir in the medium is made up of: (a) 1% to 25% fine grade coir, (b) 10% to 50% 3-6 mm grade coir, and (c) 25% to 89% chip and fibre coir.

37.-39. (Canceled)

40. (Original) A growth medium according to claim 1 including:

5-15 parts of fine grade coir,

30 to 50 parts 3-6mm grade coir,

40 to 60 parts chip and fibre coir,

wherein the total sum of the parts of fine grade coir, 3-6mm grade coir, and chip and fibre coir add up to 100,

41.-45. (Canceled)

46. (Original) A growth medium according to claim 1 including:
1 to 10 parts of fine grade coir,
30 to 50 parts 3-6mm grade coir,
and 40 to 60 parts chip and fibre coir,
wherein the total sum of the parts of fine grade coir, 3-6mm grade coir, and chip
and fibre coir add up to 100,

47.-49. (Canceled)

50. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to claim 1 ~~any one of the
preceding claims~~ wherein the total amount of coir in the medium is at least 90%.

51.-52. (Canceled)

53. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to ~~any one of the preceding
claims~~ claim 1 wherein the medium contains one or more additives selected from the group
consisting of wetting agents, trace elements, controlled release fertilisers, slow release fertilisers,
fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, pigments, pH adjustment agents, buffers, humates, neem
products and fungal additives.

54. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~
claim 1 wherein the medium contains a fertiliser.

55. (Cancelled)

56. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to claim 54 ~~or 55~~ wherein the
amount of fertiliser is in the range of from 0.1% to 5%.

57.-58. (Cancelled)

59. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 58~~

claim 1 wherein the medium contains a source of magnesium and calcium.

60. (Cancelled)

61. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to claim 59 ~~or 60~~ wherein the source of magnesium and calcium is present in an amount of 0.5% to 2%.

62.-64. (Cancelled)

65. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to claim ~~64~~1 wherein the medium is in the form of a compressed block and where the medium has been compressed by a factor of at least 3 when compared to the uncompressed volume of the medium prior to compression.

66. (Currently Amended) A growth medium according to claim ~~64 or 65~~1 wherein the medium is in the form of a compressed block and where the growth medium has been compressed by a factor of at least 5 when compared to the uncompressed volume of the medium prior to compression.